

MENTOR MICHIGAN DIRECTORY

BRANCH COUNTY

This listing for Branch County is organized first by programs that serve the entire county, and second by programs serving a specific city within this county.

The cities are listed alphabetically.

COUNTY-WIDE

ExperienceSeniorPower.com

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Program Description:

Through ExperienceSeniorPower.com, children and senior citizens learn computer and job skills together. Children receive an adult role model through these "adoptive grandparent" relationships and seniors have the opportunity to contribute their life experience and knowledge. This program includes one-on-one, group, team, and e-mentoring activities. Senior volunteers are expected to make a one year commitment during morning, afternoon, or weekend hours.

Michiana Big Brothers Big Sisters

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Program Description:

The Michiana BBBS Community Program matches youth ages six through 17, primarily from single parent homes, with adult roles model. The mentors provide guidance and understanding to help the youth grow into healthy, productive members of their community. The School-Based Program provides elementary children, referred by school personnel, with an adult friend for one hour per week at school during the school year. This program focuses on academics as well as social and self esteem needs. Volunteer mentors are expected to make a one year commitment, which involves two to four hours per month.

COUNTY-WIDE CONTINUED

Michigan Youth Leadership Forum

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Program Description:

The Michigan Youth Leadership Forum involves 35 high school students that have disabilities. The students are integrated with other students and adults with disabilities to learn leadership, social skills, and citizenship. The program involves one-on-one, team, and peer mentoring and takes place during one week during the summer. The program is managed by the Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns. Volunteers are expected to commit to one full week in the summer and follow up activities.

Volunteer Centers of Michigan

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Program Description:

Volunteer Centers recruit, train, and place volunteers in nonprofit organizations throughout their service area. They are inclusive, serving all nonprofits and residents—they do not limit their service to a particular issue, group of people, or type of activity. Michigan's Volunteer Centers are all prepared to assist mentors find organizations where they can volunteer. Volunteer Centers often take a leadership position in convening organizations and individuals to find solutions to complex community issues. They live their belief that people enrich their own lives and strengthen their communities through volunteer service.